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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1-121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original claims 1 to 6, without prejudice. Please add new claims 7 to 12 as follows:

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7. (New) A method of controlling a drive unit of a vehicle having an actuator element for influencing power provided to the drive unit, the method comprising: 1925

determining a power determining signal from a position of an operating element;

filtering the power determining signal with a filter, the filter including at least one highpass filter and at least one low-pass filter connected in parallel; and

controlling the actuator element as a function of the filtered power determining signal.